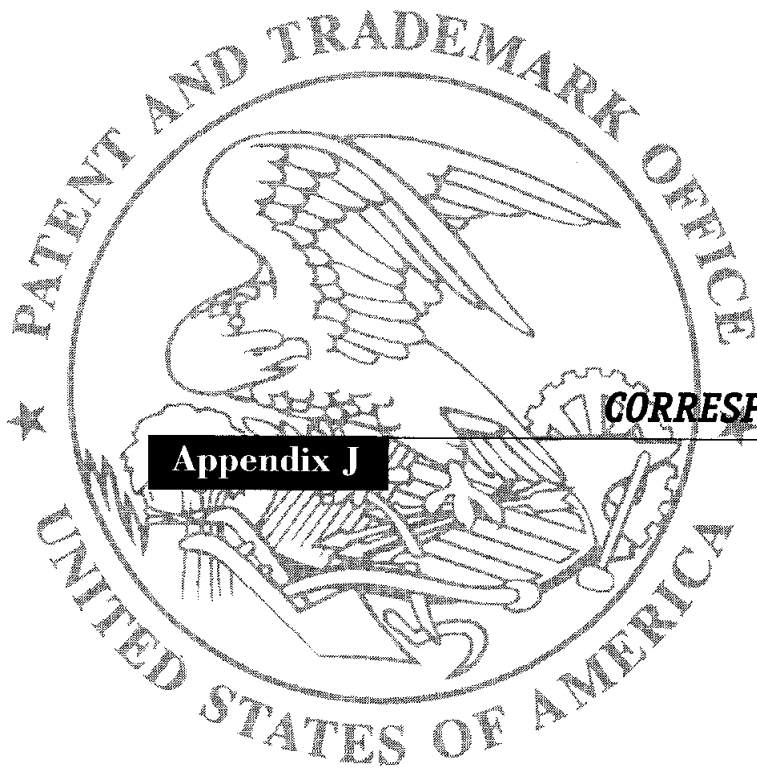


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# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Chesapeake Bay Field Office  
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21401

November 17, 1997

Ms. Hillary Quarles  
EDAW, Inc.  
601 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 223 14

RE: Patent & Trademark Office Lease  
Consolidation  
Proposed Sites: Crystal City, Potomac  
Yards, Carlyle, and Eisenhower Metro  
Arlington County, VA

Dear Ms. Quarles:

This responds to your October 27, 1997, request for information on the presence of species which are Federally listed or proposed for listing as endangered or threatened in the above referenced proposed project areas. We have reviewed the information you enclosed and are providing comments in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Except for occasional transient individuals, no proposed or Federally listed endangered or threatened species are known to exist in the proposed project impact areas. Therefore, no Biological Assessment or further Section 7 Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required. Should project plans change, or if additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

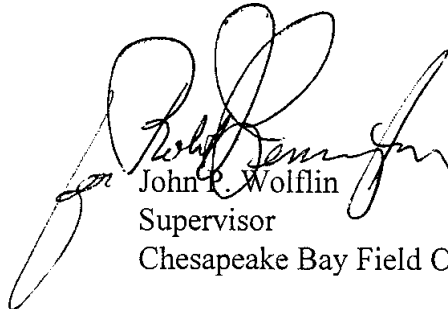
This response relates only to Federally protected threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction. For information on other rare species, you should contact the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries at (804) 367-6913 (animal species) and Mr. John Tate of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at (804) 786-35 15 (plant species).

An additional concern of the Service is wetlands protection. Federal and state partners of the Chesapeake Bay Program have adopted an interim goal of no overall net loss of the Basin's remaining wetlands, and the long term goal of increasing the quality and quantity of the Basin's wetlands resource base. Because of this policy and the functions and values wetlands

perform, the Service recommends avoiding wetland impacts. All wetlands within the project area should be identified, and if construction in wetlands proposed, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, should be contacted for permit requirements. They can be reached at (410) 962-3670.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information relative to fish and wildlife issues, and thank you for your interest in these resources. If you have any questions or need further assistance please contact Andy Moser, located at the above address at (410) 573-4537.

Sincerely,



John P. Wolflin  
Supervisor  
Chesapeake Bay Field Office

cc:  
VAFO, Gloucester, VA  
(ATTN: Cindy Schulz)